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Dear Dr. Henney:

The overuse of antibiotics poses a major medical crisis as diseases become resistant to drugs. Yet, a third of our country's antibiotics are being used not to fight disease at all, but to grow livestock.

The World Health Organization has recommended a ban on the use of antibiotics to promote the growth of animals, and the Center for Science in the Public Interest has called on the FDA to withdraw approvals for the use of medically important antibiotics to promote animal growth

Our precious drugs should be reserved for people, not fed to chickens and other livestock so that they can be cruelly overcrowded without being killed off by infectious disease.

Please institute this ban.

Sincerely,

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